



# the WATER RESOURCES REFORM & DEVELOPMENT ACT

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## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY



*Our water resources infrastructure is critical to maintaining America's competitiveness, but our financial resources are limited. To ensure greater fiscal responsibility, WRRDA:*

- **Deauthorizes \$12 billion of old, inactive projects:** Fiscal responsibility is a top priority. It is vital that Congress sets priorities for the Corps of Engineers and takes old, inactive studies and projects off the books. WRRDA establishes a process that will deauthorize old, inactive projects authorized prior to the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, that have not begun construction, or if they have begun construction, have not received any funds (federal or non-federal) in the last five years. Additionally, this process prioritizes deauthorization of the oldest projects that have been inactive for the longest.
- **Fully offsets new authorizations with deauthorizations:** All new water resources infrastructure authorizations in WRRDA are fully offset by deauthorizations.
- **Sunsets new authorizations to prevent project backlogs:** In order to prevent the accumulation of future backlogs, WRRDA terminates the authorization for any project authorized by the legislation after seven years unless construction has been initiated.
- **Reduces the inventory of properties that are not needed for the missions of the Corps of Engineers:** To save taxpayer dollars and allow the Corps of Engineers to focus on core missions, WRRDA requires an assessment of all properties under the control of the Corps of Engineers and the development of an inventory of properties that are not needed for the missions of the Corps, and provides an opportunity for non-federal interests to take over those properties.